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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 2017

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PORG, TD

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 2005

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT FRANK ABDULAH, THER PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO THE U.N., WILL BE THE SECOND-RANKING MEMBER OF THE TRINIDADIAN DELEGATION TO THE NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS IN COLOMBO. ABDULAH'S PRESENCE WILL CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHEN THE COMPETENCE OF THE T&T DELEGATION BUT WILL NOT LEAD TO A MORE ACTIVE ROLE FOR TRINIDAD AT THE MEETINGS. HE HAS BEEN HERE IN PORT OF SPAIN FOR CONSULTATIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE COLOMBO MEETING AND WILL PROBABLY BE MORE INFLUENTIAL ON POLICY THAN NOMINAL DELEGATION CHAIRMAN, AMBASSADOR LUTCHMAN (REFTEL).

2. ABDULAH, WHO IS ALSO VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE U.N. DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE, IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUES BEING CONSIDERED AT COLOMBO, HAVING SERVED A PREVIOUS TOUR AT THE T&T MISSION TO THE U.N. AND AS PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JUST PRIOR TO BEING ASSIGNED TO NEW YORK AGAIN LAST  
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SUMMER. HE IS INTELLIGENT, WELL-INFORMED, AND

MAINTAINED GOOD AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE  
EMBASSY DURING HIS TENURE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
ABDULAH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE WELL-INFORMED ABOUT  
DEVELOPMENTS IN COLOMBO AND IS RECOMMENDED AS A  
MODERATE AND SOPHISTICATED CONTACT FOR USG OFFICERS.  
HE MAY BE EXPECTED TO BE VERY CIRCUMSPECT IN ANY SUCH  
CONVERSATIONS, HOWEVER.  
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